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Take A Fresh Look at Oakland

News from Mayor Jean Quan

Greetings!



Perfect July 4th: Hundreds picnic under the oak trees on the shores of Lake Merritt for the July 4th Municipal Band concert.

JULY 4TH BANNER: Standing for the national anthem on the Lake Merritt Bandstand; descendents of Gov. George Pardee and others party in period dress for an old fashioned picnic at the historic Pardee House; Family Fair at Jack London Square (JLS); Mongolian dancers entertain at Chinatown's Lincoln Square; and a baby alpaca and friends at the JLS petting zoo.



With the budget finally passed (for now), I took a day off this weekend to celebrate the joys of living in Bay Area: walking on the Bay shores, after ignoring my garden for 2 years planting some heirloom tomatoes, barbecuing fresh oysters.

My "day on" was fun, too. We often start the 4th off with a visit to

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During the week, I also post to my Facebook page: [Facebook.com/mayorjeanquan](https://www.facebook.com/mayorjeanquan). Hit the "like" button to become a "fan".

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the Chinatown celebration that honors vets and seniors hosted by the [Chinese American Citizens Alliance](#), an organization founded in the 1930's to promote citizenship and fight for civil rights. It seems that immigrants appreciate America's birthday with great enthusiasm; the seniors at the Lincoln center never tire of the massive "flag" cake made of strawberries and cream. (See *below*) I never tire of meeting the aging Chinese vets of World War II who remind me of my late father and father-in-law.



We moved on to the start of the 100th season of the [Oakland Municipal Band](#). It was a perfect day, just warm enough to enjoy the cool breeze off the lake and the shade of the oak trees. The mix of patriotic band and show tunes cheered the several hundred listeners of all ages. I was asked to read the Gettysburg Address and members/veterans of the armed services were recognized. The band is supported by donations and will be playing for the next 4 Sunday's. Please come by and support them.

We stepped back in time at the [Pardee Home](#) where the other Oakland Mayor who went onto become Governor once lived. George Pardee and his father Enoch were both Mayors of Oakland. George became governor in 1902 and was known as the "earthquake" governor for his work rebuilding the state after the 1906 Earthquake. Co-founder of the Progressive Party in California, he was an important early conservationist. He played a key role in wresting control of the Oakland waterfront from the Southern Pacific Railroad and returning it to the citizens of the city, an accomplishment rewarded when he was elected a founding commissioner of the Port of Oakland in 1927. He was the founder and longtime President of EBMUD, which honored him with the naming of the Pardee Dam, still the dominant source of water for this region.

A small group of loyal volunteers raises about \$3K per month to keep the Pardee Home open to the public with teas, tours, a Halloween Haunted House and an old fashioned July 4th picnic complete with old-fashioned children's games, tours of the home, and rag time music. The home is an architectural and historical gem right in downtown Oakland; stroll through the nearby Preservation Park while you're there.

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[The Positive Approach Mayor Jean Quan Gets Smart with Resources](#)
Nate Seltenrich, Oakland Magazine
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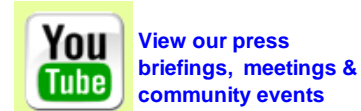
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Discover Oakland

Cruise on the USS Potomac



Since 1995, over 250,000 East Bay residents, families and friends have enjoyed San Francisco Bay cruises on the USS Potomac, Franklin Delano Roosevelt's presidential yacht, which is berthed in Jack London Square.



At Jack London Square we had an urban Family Fair with food booths, rides, music stage, and even an animal petting zoo. A quick survey of city parks found a wide variety of barbecue from every cuisine. The diversity of the city's celebrations reflect a nation rooted in old and newly emerging traditions and dreams. Happy Birthday America!

BUDGET PASSED FOR NOW

Last week I broke a tie on the City Budget after passionate discussion at the City Council. Both proposals were about 95% the same as Budget B based on the contributions of employees. They preserved the libraries, Neighborhood Service Coordinators, Film Office, Parks & Rec Centers, some cultural arts grants, a percentage of subsidies to outside institutions, and all the Fire Stations. See #2 for more details.

Unfortunately, last week the legislature also passed a new budget which made a last minute grab at the city share of vehicle license fees costing us about \$1.5 M. Also, the Governor signed the bill eliminating Redevelopment. I have spent much of my time preparing for the legal actions against both actions. See #2. We expect to hear from the State Supreme Court on Redevelopment by the end of July, if we lose the Council will have to come back and make massive cuts in the fall.

Mayor Jean Quan

1. Discover Oakland This Week

Blood Drive at City Hall, Thursday, July 7, 10 am - 3 pm: Donate blood in July and be entered to win an iPad2! Sponsored by the [Khadafy Washington Foundation for Non-Violence](#) with support from my office, the Oakland Police Department and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women Oakland Chapter. Look for the Bloodmobile in front of the OPD Recruiting Unit office at 250 Frank Ogawa Plaza, Suite D. For an appointment to donate, please go to www.bloodhereoes.com or call Fred McFadden with Blood Centers of the Pacific at 415-354-1381 for more information. Please bring

The USS Potomac has 2- and 3-hour cruises through early November. Three-hour cruises have unique itineraries and include a boxed lunch: Three Bridges of the Bay; Islands, Shipyards and Estuary; and Historic Ships of the Bay.

Call 627-1215 or visit www.usspotomac.org

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or for some other time.

We are the ones we have been waiting for.

Barack Obama

photo ID and donor card. Free Cholesterol Testing.

The Last Blast- Final Space Shuttle Launch, Friday, July 8, Chabot Space & Science Center: The final space shuttle launch is a good reason to throw a party. Experience it with us and watch it on a giant screen. Space experts will be on hand to answer your questions as we countdown Atlantis' launch. [Tickets for this event are \\$10 if purchased before July 8.](#) The launch is currently scheduled for 8:26 am PDT, event is subject to change by NASA.



Oliver! at Woodminster Amphitheater, July 8-17: Enjoy musical theater in Oakland's wonderful 2000-seat Woodminster Amphitheater in Joaquin Miller Park. Tickets and details at www.woodminster.com.

<<Kelsey Venter as Nancy and Grant Lowenstein as the Artful Dodger in Woodminster Summer Theater's Oliver!

So You Think You Can Hoop, 3 on 3 Competition, July 9-10, Oracle Arena: Fans of all ages can run, jump, block, shoot and play in a fast paced fun-filled environment at the Oracle Arena. Sponsored by Vice Mayor Desley Brooks. Call 238-3971 or go to www.soyouthinkyoucanhoop.com

Golden State Lily Society Show and Sale, Lake Merritt Garden Center, July 9 & 10, noon to 5pm each day

Oakland Municipal Band 100th Concert Season, July 10, 1-3 pm, Lakeside Park: The Free Concerts are conducted by Troy Davis and performed by 35 musicians featuring an array of jazz, contemporary, pop, big band, international, classical, marches and show tunes. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Picnics welcomed and Flag waving encouraged. Before or after the concerts enjoy the 9 [Gardens at Lake Merritt](#). For more information, please call 339-2818. >>Enjoying the concert under the trees.



Temescal Street Fair, Sunday, July 10, Noon - 6 pm, Telegraph Avenue between 45th and 51st, North Oakland: This was rescheduled from June 5, when the Bay Area was inundated with rain. The festival is

sponsored by the Temescal Telegraph Community Association, founded to revitalize the economic potential of Temescal, one of Oakland's oldest neighborhoods. The event features two stages (Main Stage and Kids' Stage) and promotes local craft artists and cultural performers, representative of the rich mosaic of culture in the area.

2. Election Set for Fall, Parcel Tax Vote Scheduled for July 17th

MAYOR'S STATEMENT ON THE BUDGET

Last week, I cast the decisive vote to break a tie at City Council that avoided an all cuts budget at

the start of the new fiscal year today, and moved us closer to a fair share budget that will keep Oakland moving forward. **The next step is to ask our residents to approve additional temporary emergency revenues in the Fall election.**

I want to thank City employees -- the police and fire unions who came to the table even though their contracts had not expired, as well as lower paid employees who are harder hit. Everyone worked hard and made multiple sacrifices to preserve essential services. Without their commitment to Oakland, we would not be keeping the doors open at libraries, senior centers, parks and recreation facilities, and other important programs. We were able to negotiate and approve agreements that we have not been able to reach as recently as last year. I want to acknowledge the sacrifice of each bargaining unit and every City employee, and to convey my deep appreciation.

Second, **I thank my colleagues on the City Council**, who debated the budget passionately. The final two proposals on the table last night had much in common; about 95% of them were the same as my Option B budget. There were elements in each approach that I liked or disliked. I voted to break the tie so that we could produce a balanced budget on time as required by the Charter and move things forward. The chief difference was the rate of bringing back police officers. I promised both sides I will work to bring back as many officers as quickly as possible, but we will need additional revenues to get to the levels we would all like. The version I voted for also put more into the reserves and spent less of the funds from the Kaiser sale.

The economy is recovering slowly. It will take us several years to recover the same level of property taxes we had just three years ago. It is critical to pass a parcel tax to:

- Fully staff our senior centers
- Maintain police staffing levels
- Add crews to fix pot holes
- Restore park maintenance staff

We begin the new fiscal year with a budget, a new city administrator, and a lot of work ahead of us:

- We will join other cities to take the legislators' decision on redevelopment to court and hope to have a decision by the end of July.
- We will fight the newest state grab of between \$1.3 and \$1.5 million from the state vehicle license fees.
- We have the sad job of lay offs and managing the bumping process that will occur as we implement the budget.

I want to thank everyone, again, for working so hard during these difficult times.

Mayor Jean Quan



PARCEL TAX VOTE DELAYED: It appears that the Council also delayed once again a vote on the proposed \$80/yr or less than a quarter a day 5 year tax to July 17th. Part of the delay is linked to timing, now that it appears there may be a special election for City Attorney.

I am hopeful that the Council will let the citizens decide on the parcel tax and will not stop it from being placed on the ballot. Thanks to the several dozen volunteers who came to plan for the campaign at the Dimond Library. If we can pass the parcel tax we will reach the budget I would like to see for the City, the Fair Share Budget C.

HOW TO FIND BUDGET DOCUMENTS

[Budget Facts](#)--a quick overview of the budget:

[1 page comparison](#) - a good way to understand the 3 options below

The Bad--(Option C) Balancing the budget with cuts, employee contributions and the Parcel Tax

The Really Bad--(Option B) Balancing the budget with cuts and employee contributions

The Really Ugly--(Option A) Balancing the budget only through cuts

3. More City News



Chinatown Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, July 17, Oakland Asian Cultural Center, 388 9th Street: At the District 2 Town Hall Meeting, we promised that we would host a special Town Hall Meeting for Chinese speakers. Mandarin and Cantonese speakers/translators will be available.

<< Jacqueline Lam, Alameda County Registrar of Voters Office, and Edward Yu, Chinese American Citizens Alliance, holds posters for the Chinese language Town Hall meeting.

Traveling by Plane? Check out the new flights from Oakland Airport. Oakland now has direct flights to the different Hawaiian Islands, Mexico, and starting in September to Cuba. Flying from Oakland when possible is another way to help our local economy and tax base. Oakland Airport has one of the best on-time records.



Seeking Nominees for Boards & Commissions: Because of term limits, nearly all Boards have openings on a regular basis. *(Right) Nominees for next year's Youth Commission meet with the Mayor.* Here are some of the more popular ones with current openings:

- Oakland Housing Authority Board (opening for tenant/resident of the OHA)
- Commission on Aging [only 1 or 2]
- Budget Advisory [But must be nominated by their Councilmember]
- Citizen's Police Review Board [must have attended Citizen's Police Academy]
- Residential Rent [looking for a landlord seat]
- Library Advisory Commission
- Parks and Rec Advisory Commission
- Violence Prevention [But must be nominated by their Councilmember]
- Measure Z [But must be nominated by their Councilmember]

Contact [Richard Cowan](#) with a cover letter and your resume if you are interested in applying.

The **Mayor's Summer Jobs Program** needs more local businesses to hire Oakland youth this summer. Unfortunately, in the budget cut compromise last month the Federal eliminated funding for the program. Oakland historically receives funding for 500 jobs, they have all been cut. I've been contacting local businesses to see if they will hire a local teen (age 14 or older) or donate the \$1000 per youth to the program so that the city, another local business or non-profit can do so. More than 1000 youth have applied for the program. **Currently we only have 200 positions available.** \$1000 will cover the stipend youth receive for working 120 hours. \$1000 will cover the stipend youth receive for working 120 hours. The WIB is coordinating the Mayor's Summer Job Program along with the Youth Empowerment Program (YEP). Businesses interested in hiring a summer youth or anyone interested in contributing to the Mayor's Summer Jobs Program should call 238-3588 [or download an application.](#)

4. Building Oakland--Don Dunbar, Peacemakers Mentor



While this summer, Don Dunbar is mentoring students at Tassafaronga Recreation Center (left), he spends most of his time during the school year at Claremont Middle School, where he mentors young males as a volunteer for [Peacemakers](#)--a daily in school program fostering self-esteem and academic success. Along with the teachers he attempts to provide a positive environment for teaching and learning for 25-30 students--all of them male.

Dunbar explained that seeing a so many young people in Oakland lacking resources and in need of some positive guidance drove him to choose to volunteer at Claremont Middle School. He, as well, grew up in the streets of Oakland so he can relate to the younger generation and hopes that he offers positive guidance through volunteering.

"I grew up here in Oakland and had experiences that I would rather not have had. Looking back at my life, maybe a mentoring program could have provided other alternatives than those I chose," he stated.

What he likes the most about volunteering with youth is the way young males improve their attitude while they are actively learning. "It is a gratifying experience to see a student who has the reputation of being one of the most disruptive students in the class become a student who grasps math concepts, for instance, and participates in class in a positive way" he said.

One of the biggest challenges Dunbar faces is having to watch boys who don't care about their lives, feel others don't care, and make no effort in getting an education. "It is truly a challenge to watch intelligent young men waste their lives because they think no one cares about them," he explained.

He wants to share with others that this is in fact a rewarding experience, because "You get to see glimpses of your younger self in these young boys. It is gratifying to know that just by offering an encouraging word, you can possibly change their life."

To learn more about Peacemakers, go to www.peacemakersinc.us or call 347-4620.

Submitted by Sheila Blandon, Youth Radio Intern with the Mayor's Office

5. How the Final State Budget Affects Oakland

- **Ends Redevelopment and then ransoms it back to us** IF we can afford to give the state another \$40M (they took a similar amount last year). Then we would have to pay another \$10M per year; many cities including San Jose say they cannot afford it. It would stop most affordable housing projects in the pipeline and threatens other projects.
- **Takes \$1.5 M in Vehicle License Fees** (with no warning) They claim so will go back to pay for police but the amounts they talk about is much less than they take from our general fund.
- **Seniors: They close all Adult Day Care facilities on Sept 1**, may force hundreds of our seniors into nursing homes, reduces grants for low income elderly and disabled by \$15/mon
- **Health Care:** Requires co-pays for patients, cuts health care providers by 10 percent, increases insurance rates for children and families, takes \$861 M from county mental health. Cuts health care for prisons \$246M.
- **Limits CalWORKS to 48 months**, cuts grants by 8 percent, limits eligibility for many, cuts child care support and employment assistance.
- **Keeps K-12 Schools the same for now**, but will cut more if state projections fall short.
- **Cuts childcare by \$180M and Preschool by \$62M**, restricts eligibility
- **Cuts Community Colleges by \$400 M**, raises per unit fee by \$10
- **Cuts the UC System \$60M, will add a 12% tuition increase to the 10%** already approved for the fall...a 22% increase in total. Eliminates \$100M in scholarship with new requirements.
- **Cuts Courts by \$350M and court construction by \$310M** (so where is our \$10/parking ticket surcharge going?)
- **Cuts Sales Tax by one cent, increases vehicle registration by \$12.**
- **Repeals Tax Credits for Child and Dependent Care.**



Oakland has a larger population of low income people than most cities, both children and seniors who are particularly hard hit by this budget. Educational institutions such as the Community Colleges and the UC system and health care institutions are a major part of our economy and they too are hard hit.

6. The 25% Solution: Cakes & Pies

If we all spent 25% more in Oakland, we could generate \$11 million in revenue for the City!



[Oaklandish](#), the producers of those iconic Oakland T-shirts, just opened its first store on Broadway

Sweet Tooth Indulgences!

Last week we highlighted ice cream parlors but we couldn't stop there. Take a look at some of our favorite shops for pies and tarts.

La Farine www.lafarine.com

6323 College Avenue, Oakland
654-0338

3411 Fruitvale Avenue, Oakland
531-7750

4094 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland
420-1777



With three convenient locations in Oakland (and one in Berkeley) La Farine has made it's mark and certainly established a following. It's almost impossible to walk by without taking a peek at their wide selection of pasteries, muffins and breads. Their fruit and almond tarts are works of art and simply divine!



Lady Fingers

150 Santa Clara Ave.
Oakland, CA 94610
428-1822

No holiday at our home is complete without a ladyfinger charlotte (*left*). This was the first place to offer authentic French croissants and quiches in Oakland. The linzer torte and black bottom cake are family favorites. They make custom children's birthday cakes and ginger bread houses.

Montclair Baking www.montclairbaking.com



2220 Mountain Blvd. Suite 140
Oakland, 94611
530-8052



Known by many for their custom wedding cakes, Montclair Baking offers so much more. Try their delicious fruit and lemon tarts-- you can't miss!



Katrina Roselle Pastries and Desserts www.katrinaroselle.com

5931 College Avenue
Oakland, CA 94618-1325
655-3209

If you're looking to 'wow' your guests, this is your spot. Enough said.

Lois the Pie Queen

851 60th St
Oakland, CA 94609

Often mistakenly identified as being in Emeryville this classic soul food restaurant is known for its fried chicken and waffles and other great breakfasts. But the pies are the specialty. I had my first sweet potato pie here as a UC student when I tutored students in West Oakland. The restaurant is now run by Lois's son. Try the lemon ice box pie.



Merritt Bakery & Restaurant

203 East 18th Street
Oakland, CA 94606
444-8680

www.merrittbakeryoakland.com

If you haven't been to Merritt Bakery & Restaurant at least once, you aren't a true Oaklander. This place is open morning, noon or night!

Aside from the restaurant, the old fashion bakery offers something sweet for everybody.

Bakesale Betty

2228 Broadway, Oakland
251-2100

5098 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland
985-1213

www.bakesalebetty.com



Bakesale Betty has become an icon in Oakland, despite no store signage. People just know where to go. The lines can be long-really long-but they move and well, everyone is in a good mood. They are known for their fried chicken sandwich but. their desserts are divine, especially the fresh blueberry pie, cookies, and strawberry shortcakes!



Kam Land Bakery

725 Webster Street, Oakland



832-2231

One of our favorite sources of delicious decorated cakes in the heart of Chinatown. Their specialty is a light yellow cake filled with whipped cream and fruits. I like strawberries mixed with mandarin orange slices.

Taste of Denmark tastedenmark.com

3401 Telegraph Ave
(between 34th St & I-580)
Oakland, CA 94609
(510) 420-8889

This is the historic Neldam's Bakery under the new coop of workers and a new name. Same Dream of Cream Cakes (chocolate cake, with whipped cream frosting and high quality chocolate shavings), and a few new cakes, I like the new Caramel Cake (yellow cake, custard filling, caramel topping.)



Submitted by Kim Bardakian

7. Safe & Healthy Oakland: Police Reorganization Starts July 9



The heat can quickly lead to smog.

[Look out for air quality warnings,](#)
[Look out for air quality warnings,](#)
[avoid bbq smoke \(try an electric grill\),](#)
[take public transportation or carpool.](#)

POLICE REORGANIZATION STARTS JULY 9TH:

To maximize the current lower number of police officers, increase field supervision and flatten the organization of OPD, Chief Batts announced his plan to divide the police force into two areas instead of the current three. Each Bureau of Field Operations will be headed by a

Deputy Chief.

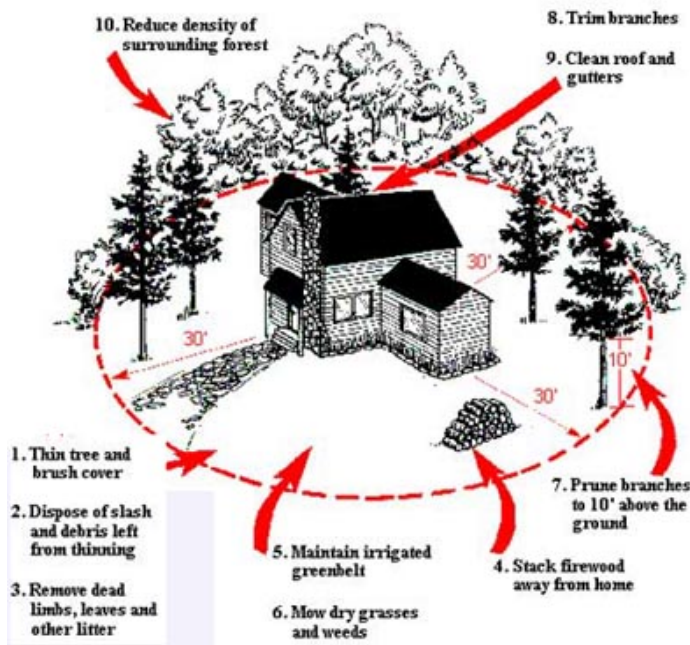
**Dep. Chief Israel will command the North, West, Downtown and Hill areas of the city.
Dep. Chief Breshears will command Central East and East Oakland.**

Investigators will be assigned to the areas rather than in separate units.

Problem solving officers stay on their beats.

[For more details.](#)

IT'S FIRE SEASON, INSPECTIONS UNDERWAY Part of Oakland's unique beauty is that our diverse terrain includes urban forests. One of my first projects as a Council Member was working with hill residents to establish the Wild Fire Prevention District.



One of the main features of that district is a program of annual inspections by the Oakland Fire Department. For residents living within the District, annual inspections started June 15. Go to the [City website](#) for more information: a map of the district, the phone numbers of the Fire Inspectors and tips on protecting your home.

County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Workshops: The public is invited to help develop a community wildfire protection plan for Alameda County. While Oakland has a plan for the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District, there is no such plan for wildfire prone areas outside of Oakland. The workshops will focus on wildfire risks and hazards from

Berkeley to Fremont. Please share your concerns and local knowledge. [Register here.](#) For questions, contact [Cheryl Miller.](#)

- **Saturday, July 16, 9 am-Noon,** Fremont Fire Administration Building, 3300 Capital Avenue, Building A, Fremont.
- **Saturday, July 23, 9 am-Noon,** Oakland Trudeau Center, 11500 Skyline Blvd., Oakland
- **Saturday, July 30, 9 am-Noon,** Dublin Regional Meeting Room, 100 Civic Center Drive, Dublin

OPD Email for Homicide Investigations: The Oakland Police Department Homicide Section has a new email address for citizens to provide information to investigators about any homicide that has occurred. **Tips can always be submitted by calling 238-3821, or Oaklandhomicide@oaklandnet.com** Homicides continue to run ahead of last year but lower than two years ago.

8. Circle Your Calendar.



Oakland Symphony Chorus Summer Sing Ins. Tuesday's, 7:30-9:30 pm, St. Pascal Baylon Church, 3700 Dorisa Avenue: \$10 per evening, \$45 for 5 evening series pass.

July 19, Vivaldi: *Gloria*, Ming Luke, Conductor

July 26, Mozart: *Grand Mass in c minor*, Martha Stoddard, Conductor

August 2 7-9 :30 pm, Mozart's *Requiem* Maestro Michael Morgan, Oakland East Bay Symphony, conducts this special event, proceeds will help fund the free 10th Anniversary Remembrance of September 11, 2011 event at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on Sunday, September 11. First Covenant Church, 4000 Redwood Road \$15 Special Event/\$60 for evening series pass including the Special event.

- August 9, Orff: *Carmina Burana*, Vance George, Conductor

Call 207-4093 for details

Opportunities at Chabot Space & Science Center This Summer:

- **Summer Science Savings** \$10 Every Tuesday in July, 10 am-5 pm.
- **Summer Movie Nights**, Fridays and Saturday in July and August, Chabot's Giant Screen MegaDome theater is the ideal space for documentary films on Friday nights & classic science fiction on Saturday nights. Free with General Admission. Check website for weekly shows and times.
- **Space Explorer Summer Camps**--week-long camps run from July 5- August 5, 9 am-4 pm: Camps include hikes in the surrounding redwood ecosystem, a planetarium show, science thrills and more. A different theme each week for kids entering Kindergarten through 8th grade. Register today while space is still available! [Watch the Summer Camp Video](#)
- **Slumber with the Stars, Friday, July 15, 6 pm- Saturday, July 16, 10 am:** An overnight in our museum includes games, exhibit exploration, shows, hike and viewing through our historic, large telescopes (weather permitting).



The Crucible's Fire & Light Soiree and Art Auction, Thursday, July 14, 6 pm, 1260 7th Street: Enjoy a delicious 3-course dinner with wine pairings and bid on beautiful works of art in metal, glass, wood and more. All proceeds directly support [The Crucible's](#) educational programs.

Creative Growth TEXTtile, July 14-August 26, Creative Growth Art Center, 355 24th Street:

See a new exhibition of inspired text based drawing and painting alongside a quality of textile production. Typed works by Dan Miller, hand lettering by William Scott and a nintroduction to emerging work by [Creative Growth](#) artists. Opening Thursday, July 14, 5 -8 pm, also open Saturday, July 16, 11 amp 4 pm. Gallery hours Monday through Friday, 11 am -4:30 pm.

Oakland Municipal Band 100th Concert Season, July 17, 24 & 31, 1-3 pm, Lakeside Park:

The Free Concerts are conducted by Troy Davis and performed by 35 musicians featuring an array of jazz, contemporary, pop, big band, international, classical, marches and show tunes. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Picnics welcomed and Flag waving encouraged. For more information, please call 339-2818.



Bay Area BBQ Championship/Oakland A's vs. LA Angels at the Oakland Coliseum, Saturday, July 16, 9:30 am/ First Pitch 1:05 pm: Celebrity judges Cesley "Sully" Sullenberger (Hero of the Hudson), Liam Mayclem (Foodie Chap from CBS 5-Eye on the Bay), Joey Altman (celebrity chef, author), Narsai David (KCBS Food & Wine editor), Amy B Sherman (Cooking with Amy), Stan Bunger (KCBS Morning Anchor) Doug Sovern (KCBS News Reporter), Brad Levy (Owner/Chef Firefly Restaurant). Live performance by La Toya London, and AFS Children's Guardian Award to Senator John Burton. Proceeds support Alternative Family Services, providing care for foster youth. For details, go to <http://www.bayareabbq.org/>.



Jazz by the Lake, Sunday, July 17, Noon-2 pm, Cameron-Stanford House, 1418 Lakeside Drive: Fresh from the Healdsburg Jazz festival and a tour of Russion, The Bay area's own Nicolas Bearde will bring his unique vocal talents to Camron-Stanford House. An alumnus of Bobby McFerrin's Voicestra, he halso has performed at the Russian River Jazz Festival, Monterey Jazz Festivals, Jazz at Newport and Yoshi's. Brunch and live entertainment \$35 members;\$50 nonmembers. Call 874-7802 for reservations.



Prescott Circus Theatre Presents The Show Must Go On, Wednesday, July 20, 11 am and 1:30 pm and Thursday, July 21, 11 am and 1:30 pm, Malonga Casquelourd Center for the Arts, 1428 Alice Street: See our kids shine! Special Saturday Show, July 23, 3 pm at DeFremery Park, 18th and Adeline for [Prescott Circus Theatre](#) Day during DeFremery Park's Open House.

9th Annual Block Party, Melrose High Hopes Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council Beat 27x, Saturday, July 23, 2011, 11 am-3 pm, Foothill Blvd. and Fremont Way, next to the Melrose Branch Library at 4805 Foothill and in the library courtyard. Celebrate community at this fun-filled annual event. Join in the music led by Preston Turner, be a part of the community paper-quilting bee with artist Linda Lawson, bring a book to swap with Children's Librarian Adina Leitner Aguirre. Much more including kids bike-check booth, Discovery Science Center, Green booths, Child car-seat safety checks, fingerprinting for child safety, talking police car, food. Come join your neighbors for the 9th year of this enjoyable community event. All welcome. Free, but donations to defray expenses are more than welcome. See their Web site. <http://www.ncpcbeat27x.org>



Inaugural Oakland Jazz Festival, Saturday, July 23, Dunsmuir-Hellman Historic Estate: KBLX and OPR sponsor what we hope will become an annual musical event celebrating Oakland's musical roots. Tickets (\$57.75+ convenience fee) go on sale starting Friday, May 13. General Admission (Picnic style seating-No reserve seats). Advance tickets available at the Paramount Theatre Box Office and all Ticketmaster outlets and ticketmaster.com. Pre Sale Code word: **JAZZ**. [LINK TO](#)



West Oakland Garden Tour, Saturday, July 23, 2-5 pm: Starts at Marston Campbell Garden, Lafayette Elementary, 1700 Market, \$20 to \$40, children free.

Discover West Oakland by bicycle (or van-pool) through a tour of lovely streets and edible gardens, with art at every stop. Wrap up with a block party, full of art, music, and fresh, delicious food and drink from local culinary luminaries. And enter the raffle for prizes like a night's stay at The Huntington, dinners at fine local restaurants, or dinner and a boat trip down the American River. FOOD from Picante | DRINK from Linden Street Brewery | ENTERTAINMENT by TURF FEINZ



East Bay Food Fight--Eat, Drink and Battle to End Poverty, Saturday, July 23, Jack London Square Pavilion: Top chefs, sumptuous food and drink, celebrity VIPS and those who love food come together on Saturday, July 23 to support St. Vincent de Paul's Kitchen of Champions Culinary Training Program. In its first 3 years, the program has graduated more than 200 students; 70% have gained jobs in the food industry. At the East Bay Food Fight, six of the East Bay's most noted executive chefs will battle it out on stage for a panel of VIP judges with discriminating palates. Taste your way through summer signature menu offerings from 40 of the east Bay's finest restaurants, breweries and wineries. Sample the special Food Fight signature cocktails, gaze height-of-the-summer produce from local farms and delight at culinary demos. Live auction as well. Sponsored by Oakland Restaurant Association KTVU-2, Jack London Square/Port of Oakland, KFOG and Yelp. For tickets and information, go to www.eastbayfoodfight.org. Early bird prices are available through June 30.

CDS Dressage Show, Sunday, July 24, Sequoia Arena in Joaquin Miller Park: Come watch equestrians and their horses in the great outdoors. Sponsored by the Metropolitan Horsemen's Association. For information about other upcoming events, visit www.mhaoakland.org.



I Choose Oakland Celebration @ Art Murmur, Friday, August 5, 7:30-8:30 pm, Classic Cars West, 411-26th Street, btwn. Telegraph and Broadway:

Please join me as we showcase the finalists from the "I Choose Oakland photo" and video contest. Food, drink and multimedia show at 8 pm. A new member of Art Murmur, Classic Cars West is an eclectic vintage car showroom and art gallery. The space is very cool - with great wall space for the multimedia show and an outdoor patio with huge Burning Man sculpture, tiki lights, etc. It's a cool space and will generate good foot traffic independent of our event.

(Above) Check out the murals on several construction sites along Broadway and Telegraph.

9. Oakland Celebrates Its Neighborhoods: Plan Your Summer Staycation



(Left) Oakmore Homeowners Association July 4th BBQ. (Right) [EI TACOBIKE](#) is a fixture Downtown. Husband Floyd tries the carnitas tacos. Alfonso Dominguez says he'll show up by appointment for parties...maybe we should call him for late Council meetings?

Mark your calendar for the 2011 Street Festival Season. Each neighborhood reveals its own special Oakland vibe. Spend a few hours exploring Oakland's rich cultural heritage!

- Friday, July 15 [8th Annual USOA Healthy Living Festival](#), 8 am-2 pm, Oakland Zoo, Knowland Park, 9777 Golf Links Road
- Saturday, July 23, [First Oakland Jazz Festival](#), Noon, Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate
- Saturday, August 13, [Laurel Street Fair](#), featuring the John Santos Sextet, creative crafts, merchants and more
- Saturday-Sunday, August 20-21 [Art & Soul](#), Civic Center
- Saturday-Sunday, August 27-28 [Chinatown Street Fest](#), Chinatown
- Sunday, September 4, [Oakland Pride Festival](#), Uptown
- Saturday, September 10, Noon - 5 pm, Day in the Park, Maxwell Park
- Sunday, September 18, [Sundays in the Redwoods](#), Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, September 25, [Sundays in the Redwoods](#), Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday September 25, 7th Annual Oakland Grand Prix of Cycling, Civic Center
- Sunday, September 25, [Out & About in Rockridge](#)
- Saturday, October 1, [Black Cowboy Parade](#), DeFremery Park
- Saturday, October 1, 11 am-6 pm. [Oaktoberfest](#) in the Dimond
- Sunday, October 2, [Oaklavia!](#), Over 4000 people attended [Walk Oakland-Bike Oakland](#) (WOBO)'s first [Oaklavia](#) in June of last year. This year, the event has been moved to September, where pedestrians, and bicyclists can enjoy a no-auto Broadway and parts of Telegraph from Old Oakland to Uptown. There will be alking, running, biking, eating, shopping, dancing and playing in the street.
- Sunday, October 2, [Sundays in the Redwoods](#), Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Sunday, October 9 [Sundays in the Redwoods](#), Woodminster Amphitheater, Joaquin Miller Park
- Saturday, October 22, 20th Anniversary of 1991 Firestorm-- 9 am Rockridge BART Tile Wall; 10:30 am Remembrance Ceremony Gateway Exhibit Center; Emergency Preparedness Fair, Noon - 4 pm, Lake Temescal



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